

Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

1. (currently amended) A chair with a seat that folds down about a fixed horizontal ~~axle~~ pivot axis and which is intended, in particular, to equip halls that receive the public, such as lecture theatres and/or show halls, comprising at least an underframe having an essentially longitudinal axis and to which a backrest may be fixed, ~~and with respect to which the fixed horizontal axle is determined~~ the underframe comprising at least a first stationary element for taking up vertical forces, the fixed horizontal pivot axis being fixed relative to the first stationary element and to the seat, said seat comprising a first part projecting forwards with respect to said fixed horizontal axle pivot axis, and a second part projecting towards said underframe, wherein said underframe contains a gas strut, ~~one end of which is fixed to said second part of said seat~~ having a first end pivotably fixed to said second part of said seat and a second end pivotably fixed relative to the underframe.

2. (currently amended) The chair according to claim 1, wherein said horizontal ~~axle~~ pivot axis and said longitudinal axis of said underframe are spaced apart by a distance between about 2 and 15 cm.

3. (cancelled)

4. (cancelled)

5. (currently amended) The chair according to claim 4 1, wherein a rail collaborates with said seat to position said horizontal ~~axle~~ pivot axis with respect to said seat according to an angle β by which said seat is deployed.

6 - 7. (cancelled)

8. (previously presented) The chair according to claim 1, wherein an opening is made in said underframe, facing said second part of said seat, so as to partially accommodate said second part.

9. (cancelled)

10. (previously presented) The chair according to claim 1, wherein said longitudinal axis makes a determined angle Beta with a vertical plane, said underframe being assembled telescopically, a first element of said underframe carrying said seat and said strut, and taking up vertical forces, while a second element of said underframe takes up those forces which are orthogonal to said vertical plane which are encountered when the chair is in use.

11. (original) The chair according to claim 10, wherein said second element is capable of carrying a work surface for a user seated behind said chair.